



Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda, October 9, 2024

2:00-4:00 p.m.

In-person at the Northern Community Centre and via Zoom

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1. Meeting called to order
2. Chair's comments
3. Approval of Minutes – AAC meeting September 11, 2024
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
5. New Business
 - 5.1. Enabling Accessibility Fund for Manzo Park updates
 - 5.2. AAC letter of support for Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Grant application
 - 5.3. Site review of challenging intersections
 - 5.4. Snow removal priorities due at this meeting
 - 5.5. January 8th meeting moved to January 15th
6. Old Business
 - 6.1. Response to Committee Member request for feedback
7. Barrier Removal Updates
 - 7.1. Video Remote Interpreter (VRI) update
8. Site Plan Sub-Committee Report - none
9. Adjournment

Next meeting November 13, 2024 In-person and via Zoom 2:00 to 4:00



Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Septembet 11, 2024

2:00-4:00 p.m.

In Person & Via Zoom

Minutes

In Attendance: Don McConnell, Diane Morrell, Diana Gerhart, Craig Kohler, Carol Magnan, Wayne Scharfenberg, Kerri Tucket, Andree Labonte, Derrick Lavallee

Regrets: Councillor Lisa Vezeau-Allen, Councillor Sandra Hollingsworth, Peter Tonazzo – Director of Planning.

Zoom: Jordan Derochie

Guests:

Recorder: Samir Thapa - Planning

1. Meeting called to order 2:05 p.m.

2. Chair's Comments

- Welcome back and round table introductions

3. Approval of Minutes – AAC Meeting June 12, 2024

Moved by: K. Tucket

Seconded by: D. Gerhart

All in favour.

CARRIED

4. Conflict of Interest – Declared conflict of interest with Jordan Derochie with Agenda item 6.7 as he works for the Federal Government.

5. New Business

5.1 Accessibility site visits.

- Accessibility site visits have occurred over the summer with Accessibility Coordinator and some AAC members
- Document will be a living document and can be updated as barriers are identified

5.2 Alternative space for AAC meeting.

- In discussion for Steelton Room at NCC.
- Accessibility Coordinator will arrange a trial meeting at NCC

Moved by: D. Lavallee

Seconded by: C. Kohler

All in favour.

CARRIED

6. Old Business

6.1 Sledge repairs completed

- \$2400 for sledges repair.

6.2 Compilation of AAC barrier removal successes

- Work in progress.
- Public consultation mid to late Oct.
- Barriers still exist.

6.3 Accessibility Plan update

- DRAFT Accessibility Plan should be available at next meeting.

6.4 Accessible kayak dock update

- Inclusive Committee Grant application not successful.
- Project will move forward without grant but will be scaled back.

6.5 Sinclair Field Site Visit

- Committee agreed to provide funding for adult change table at this location.
- Potential date for site visit Sept. 26 or 27.

6.6 Adult Change Table at Plaza update

- Universal washroom space for adult change table is a bit small, so flip up change table is needed.
- This means additional cost and research for adult change table.

6.7 Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Fund

6.7.1. Whereas there is no barrier free seating at the John Rhodes Community Centre Arena 2, and whereas the new Northern Community Centre accessible seating has been well received, therefore be it resolved that the AAC recommend a funding application to the Green and Inclusive Communities grant to install Barrier Free Seating Platform with the municipal \$20% share to be taken from the barrier removal reserve.

Moved by: D. Lavallee

Seconded by: C. Kohler

All in favour.

CARRIED

7. Barrier Removal Updates

7.1 Pointe Des Chenes update.

- Project is almost complete.
- Accessibility updates will be ready for next summer.
- Access to the beach for persons with disabilities via Parabus to the Beach bus at Transit station downtown or Northern Hub.

7.2 Youth Water Wheelchair update.

- A few logistics delayed roll out of project.

- One for each splash pad, Bellevue, Manzo and Plaza.

8. Site Plan Sub-Committee Report

8.1 Site Plan Sub-Committee report attached.

- Confirm with Planning staff for updates - Derrick

9. Adjournment: 3:40 p.m.

Moved by: A. Labonte.

Seconded by: D. Lavallee.

Next Meeting: October 09, 2024 In Person and Via Zoom 2-4 p.m



October 2, 2024

Re: Green and Inclusive Community Buildings

To: Green and Inclusive Community Buildings

As Chairperson for the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the City of Sault Ste. Marie, I am pleased to confirm our support for the proposed accessibility updates at the John Rhodes Community Centre Arena viewing area. Our Committee work is guided by the four core principles of **dignity, independence, integration, and equality of opportunity**. The accessibility updates outlined in the proposed project are supportive of the City of Sault Ste Marie's commitment to prevent, identify and remove barriers for people with disabilities.

This project will update the John Rhodes Arena viewing area much more accessible and dignified for persons with physical disabilities. This project was identified by the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee as requiring an update. The John Rhodes Community Centre is one of the most accessible buildings in our community, and this project will provide an inclusive and equitable viewing experience for community members with physical disabilities.

As outlined in the City of Sault Ste. Marie Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, we strive to become a more accessible and inclusive community by continually working to remove barriers as we fulfill our obligations under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and implementation of the Design of Public Spaces Standard.

Regards,

Don McConnell
Chairperson, Accessibility Advisory Committee
Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie

Diane Morrell
Accessibility Coordinator
Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie